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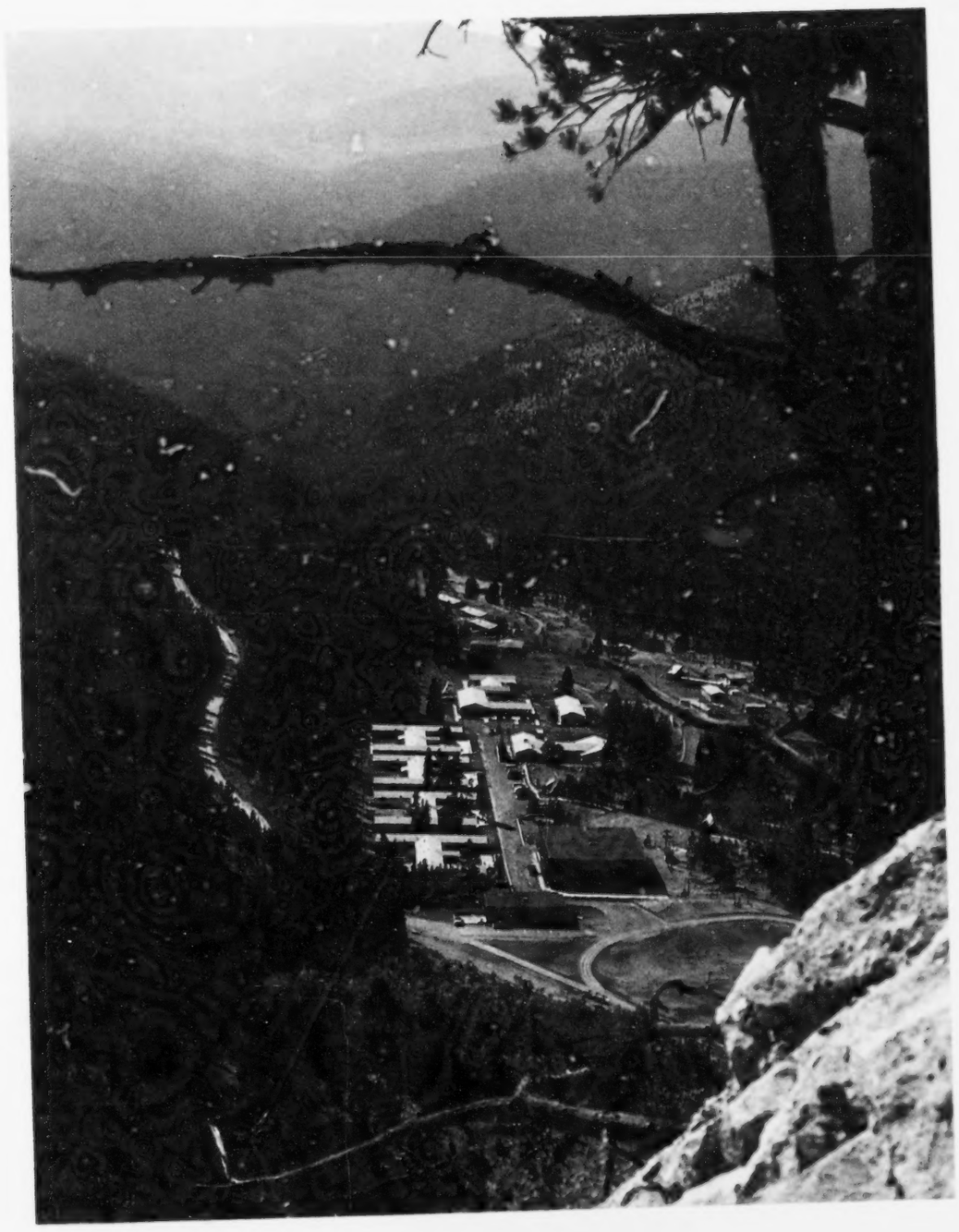
The Anaconda Job Corps Center



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Background and History

The Anaconda Job Corps is a voluntary program for young people, ages 16 to 21. The program is designed for those who have had limited success in school or work.

The Anaconda Center provides opportunities to obtain a trade, upgrade educational skills, and develop positive social and work attitudes.

Those who complete the training will then go forward to one of the following:

- Employment
- Advanced education
- Other training programs
- Military opportunities
- Apprenticeship programs

Each new Corpsmember is placed in an educational and vocational training program based on an entrance evaluation of individual ability, choice, and needs.

The Anaconda Job Corps Center is in the Deerlodge National Forest in southwestern Montana. It is ten miles west of the town of Anaconda, on Highway 1. The Center is operated under the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Deerlodge National Forest, through an Interagency Agreement with the Department of Labor.

The Center opened its doors to the first Corpsmembers on March 17, 1966, and became coeducational in February, 1982.

Dorm Living

Corpsmembers live in four dormitories on Center. Each dorm has four wings with 12 to 14 beds per wing. There are individual lockers for personal belongings. Each dorm has a television room and a "quiet room."

Medical Service

Complete medical facilities are available in the dispensary. A full-time nurse is on duty each weekday, except holidays. A physician and a dentist make weekly visits to the Center.

Education

The goal of the Education Department is to have every Corpsmember complete the General Educational Development (GED) program and pass the State examination. The GED greatly increases chances for employment after graduation. Over 1,100 Corpsmembers have earned the GED since 1969.

The Center has an accredited high school diploma program.

The Education Department offers these classes:

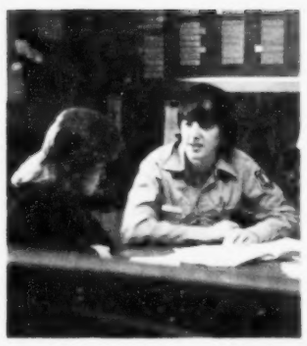
- GED
- Reading
- Writing skills
- Math
- Coping skills
- Health education (CPR and First Aid)
- World of Work
- Driver's education (if needed)
- Physical education
- Vocational math
- Family planning
- Employment Preparation Program (EPP-for graduating students)
- Leadership
- Cultural awareness

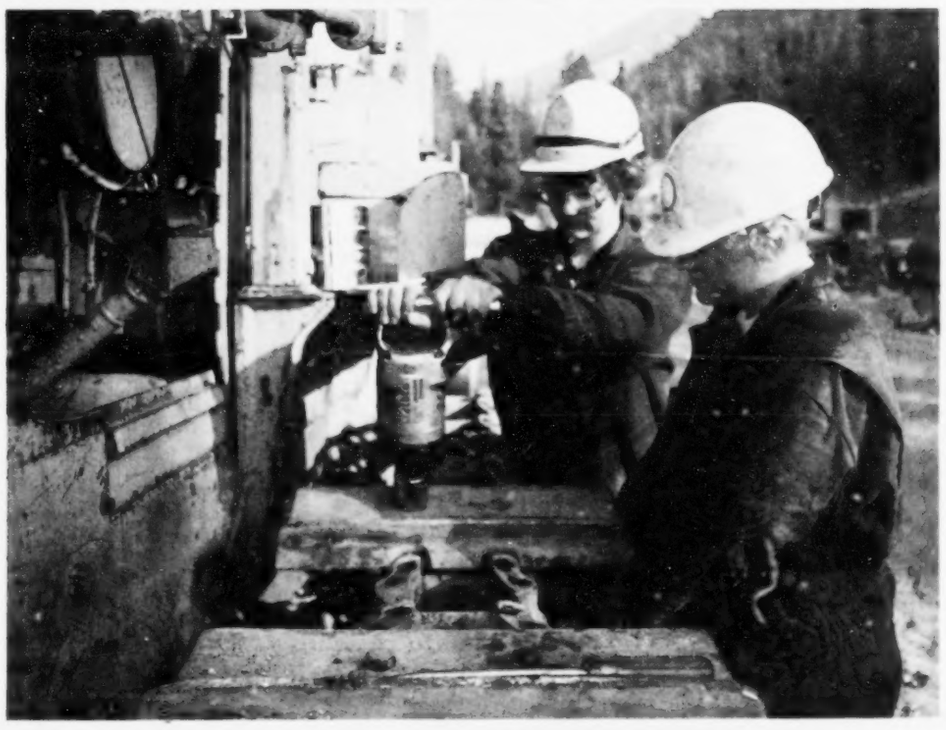
The Center is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

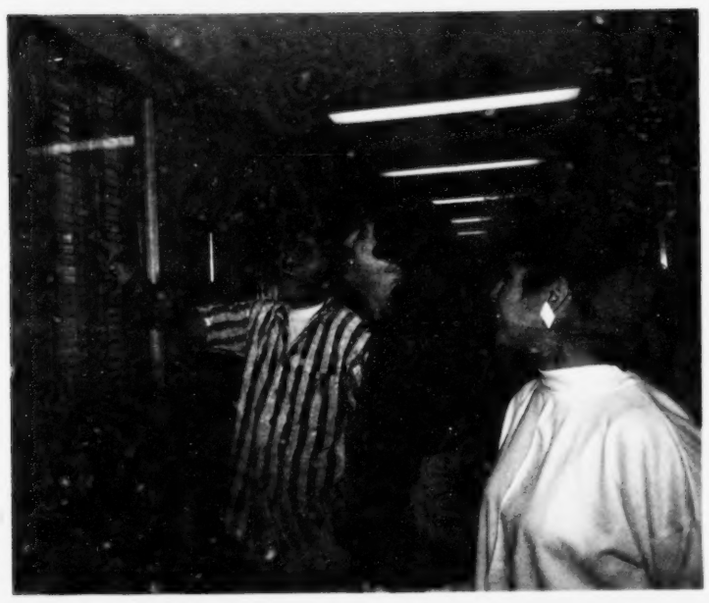
Vocational Training

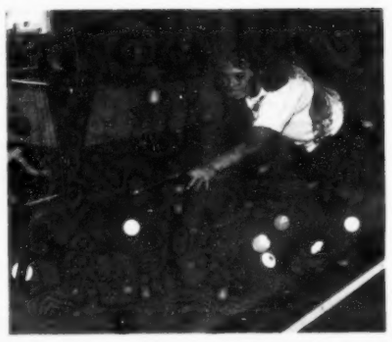
The Anaconda Job Corps Center offers basic vocational training in these trades:

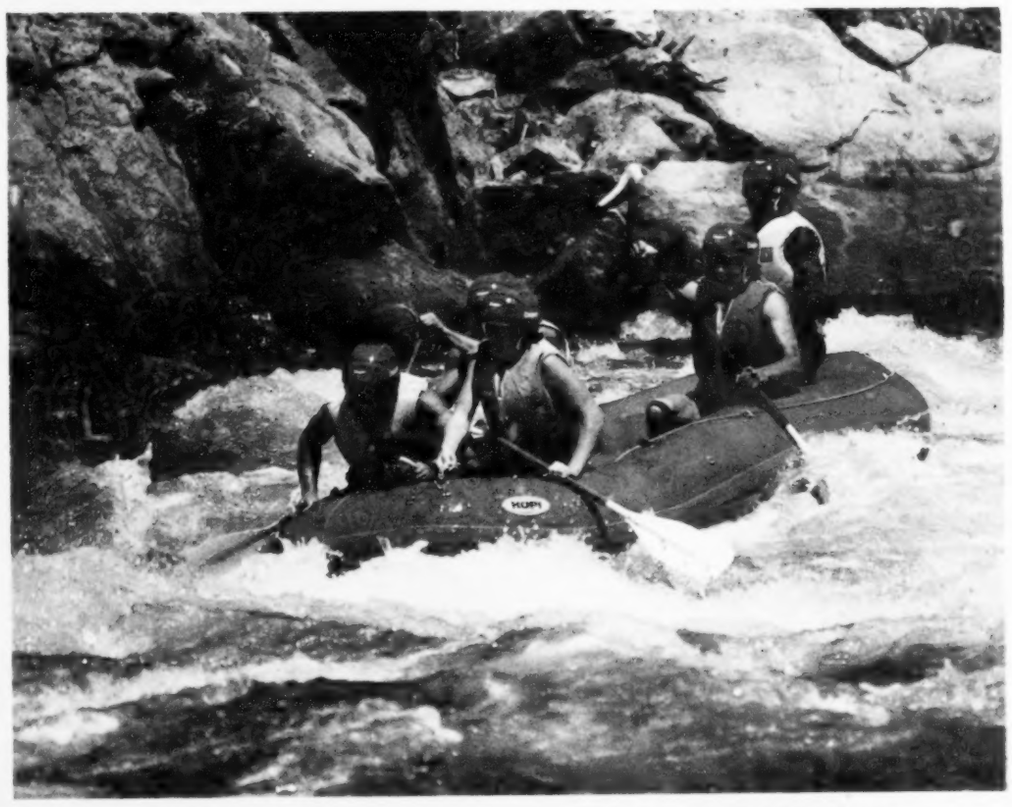
- Bricklaying (Union)
- Carpentry (Union)
- Cooking (Food Service)
- Heavy Equipment Operation (Union)
- Heavy Equipment Mechanics (Union)
- Painting (Union)
- Warehousing (Stock Clerk)
- Welding
- Office Occupations











Recreation

Leisure Time Activities

The Anaconda Center has a variety of recreational programs including baseball, arts and crafts, badminton, archery, basketball, wrestling, softball, volleyball, football, soccer, track, gymnastics, horseshoes, weight lifting, ping-pong, billiards, pool, tennis, swimming, chess, checkers, and table games. Each dorm has a color television. Competition between dormitories is scheduled for seasonal events.

Outdoor Activities

The Anaconda Job Corps Center has some real advantages in outdoor recreation. Fishing, backpacking, horseback riding, long distance running, and rafting are summer activities. Winter activities include downhill and cross-country skiing, tobogganing, and snowshoeing.

And the scenery is terrific.

Job Placement

Corpsmembers enroll in the Employment Preparation Program (EPP) about one month before graduation. Vocational counselors help Corpsmembers with job placement at this time.

Union coordinators will also assist in locating job opportunities for those who have completed a union training program.

For more information, or to apply for enrollment, please contact:

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